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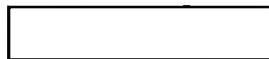
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Senator Richard B. Russell - 8 January 1963

1. The Director, accompanied by John S. Warner, met with Senator Richard B. Russell. The Director pointed out that he had had prepared a very complete review of the performance of the intelligence community in the Cuban crisis which had then been reviewed by the United States Intelligence Board and approved. The review was conducted by the Agency Inspector General but to make sure it reflected the community views, representatives of Defense and State were placed on the IG staff for this purpose. The purpose of the review was to determine if there were any deficiencies or any way in which improvements could be made. The Director stated that it was the unanimous conclusion of USIB that the intelligence had been excellent and could not have been handled in any way which would have altered the final timing of the policy decisions. Some possible improvements were noted. The DCI also stated that one of his purposes in desiring to discuss this report with the Subcommittee was because of charges that the Government had information earlier and had withheld it for political purposes. He stated these charges were simply not true. The Director stated he would like to meet with the Subcommittee at the earliest possible time and hoped for regular meetings during the year.

2. Senator Russell stated that while there were timing problems, he believed it was very desirable to have this matter explored thoroughly with the Subcommittee. Further, he suggested that possibly under the circumstances it would be appropriate if Chairman Hayden and he made a statement on the floor after such a hearing. It was indicated that we believed this desirable.

3. The Director then discussed OXCART pointing out the Air Force had a legitimate requirement for a new reconnaissance aircraft and that this subject had been discussed at length with Secretary McNamara. The Director mentioned some of the problems in surfacing the vehicle and even suggested that in the long run it might be better to acknowledge CIA sponsorship. Senator Russell indicated that for a long while he had been against making the vehicle available to the Air Force but that reluctantly he was reconsidering this view stating that what must be considered was the over-all interest. The Director agreed that this was the prime consideration.

4. Senator Russell then asked a number of questions about the Indian situation and the Director filled him in as far as he could suggesting that further details should really be secured from McNamara.

5. Senator Russell then asked some rather detailed questions about the situation in Peru. The Director gave him a rundown of the situation as we knew it pointing out that we had excellent penetrations there and were well on top of the situation. When the [redacted] finally accepted our information they acted swiftly and forthrightly and the Director believed the situation was much better now.

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